

IN SECRET CONFERENCE

MYSTERIOUS MEETINGS OF HAWAIIAN MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE CAUSE PEOPLE NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND CONSIDERABLE PERTURBATION—DOES IT MEAN THAT A BOLT SIMILAR TO THAT OF 1903 IS BEING PLANNED?

During the last two weeks, it is said, there have been various secret gatherings of the Hawaiian members of the legislature. Whether these have been of sufficient public bearing to be termed "conferences" or "caucuses" cannot be ascertained positively. There has been a careful effort however made to keep the fact of the meetings secret and the secret deliberations of the meetings have been suppressed from general information. Quite a significant fact in connection with these secret meetings has been the presence of H. L. Holstein of Kohala, candidate for Speaker of the House, in Honolulu. He has not been much in evidence about the city and no public expression of his views on legislative policy have appeared in the local press.

Some of those who are on the outside are naturally wondering what can be the object of these secret gatherings. It has been suggested that perhaps the Hawaiian members are getting their forces united for a bolt from the white members of the legislature, as was done in 1903.

While there is a general belief among well informed politicians that such meetings have been held, there are others who doubt the fact and think that some casual meeting of some of the Hawaiian members of the legislature has given rise to the belief in secret caucuses.

WELCH LOST MANY SAILS

BARK HAD VERY BAD WEATHER ON HER RECENT TRIP FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO THIS PORT.

Captain Drew of the bark Andrew Welch has made scores and scores of trips between San Francisco and Honolulu, so many in fact, that the trips number many past the hundred mark, but he has never experienced such a rough trip as he had this month.

The vessel was 24 days out from San Francisco, arriving here this morning. She met a succession of gales and encountered heavy seas. Seven sails were carried away during the heavy blows. The vessel had two passengers. One of them had never been to sea before in a sailing craft and Captain Drew had a hard task persuading the sailors that the inexperienced mariner was not the Jonah who was responsible for the bad weather. The Welch came down very light in cargo and will load a return cargo of sugar next month for San Francisco.

HATCH'S RESIGNATION GOES.
Justice Hatch took the final step towards leaving the Supreme Court bench today by signing and mailing his resignation to President Roosevelt. When asked as to any steps that may have been taken towards filling the vacancy Governor Carter said this morning that so far he had made no recommendation to Washington.

GEORGE HENSHALL RETURNS.
George F. Henshall of the editorial staff of the Star, returned today on the bark Andrew Welch from a trip to San Francisco.

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DEATH OF AN ARGONAUT

MRS. BARBARA WOODARD WHO DIED THIS MORNING CROSSED THE PLAINS IN 1851.

Mrs. Barbara Woodard, who has been a resident of Honolulu for nearly forty years, died this morning at the age of 77 years. She was born in Tennessee and removed thence to Arkansas where she was married. From there, with her husband she crossed the plains in 1851 in the days of the argonauts, coming to California. She came to Honolulu August 23, 1865 where she has resided ever since. She died at the residence of her son-in-law J. J. Carden on upper Fort street. The funeral will be from there tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The deceased leaves three daughters, Mrs. J. J. Carden, Miss Mary Woodard and Miss Kate Woodard.

OFF FOR THE VOLCANO

The following are the passengers by the Kinau today for the Volcano: E. M. Taylor, Wilmington, Del., Master W. Taylor, Wilmington, Del., George C. Bent, Hollywood, Cal., W. J. Patterson, Baker City, Ore., W. E. Grace, Baker City, Ore., C. S. Osborn, Saulte, St. Marie, Mich., Mrs. C. S. Osborn, Saulte, St. Marie, Mich., John L. Ross, San Francisco, Cal., Dr. E. L. Colburn, Los Angeles, Cal., Miss C. L. Peabody, Los Angeles, Cal., Miss M. T. Clapp, Los Angeles, Cal., E. L. Webster, Seattle, Wash., F. Wickett, Honolulu.

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'FRISCO MARKET BREAKS

Halstead & Co. this afternoon received a cable from their San Francisco correspondents reporting the sale of ten shares of Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co. at \$88.50, and five at \$86.875. The market is reported weak and depressed.

It is reported that a block of twenty shares was sent up to sell.

To Abolish The Canal Commission

(Associated Press Cable to The Star).

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 31.—The House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce will report a bill abolishing the Panama Canal Commission and placing the control of the work on the Panama Canal in the hands of the President.

MOBS PILLAGING IN MOSCOW.

MOSCOW, Jan. 31.—Mobs have begun to pillage the shops of the city. All of the industrial concerns about the city are closed. One hundred men were killed and wounded during various encounters.

JAPS CAPTURED CONTRABAND STEAMER.

TOKIO, Jan. 31.—The Japanese warships have captured the British steamer Wyefield loaded with a cargo of contraband goods for Vladivostok.

RUSSIANS HOLDING CAPTURED VILLAGES.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 31.—General Kuropatkin reports that the Russian forces are holding the villages captured from the Japanese during the recent advance.

OYAMA REPORTS ON RUSSIAN DEAD.

TOKIO, Jan. 31.—Marshal Oyama reports that the Russians have left 1,200 dead on the field since the operations beginning January 25.

RUSSIANS ABANDON THEIR DEAD.

Washington, January 31st, 1904.
To the Japanese Consul-General, Honolulu.
Marshal Oyama reports that the Russian corpses left on the field since the 25th inst in the directions of Litagenton, Chenchiphap and Heikotai are not less than 1200.

LONDON BEETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—The London price of 88 analysis beets this day is 15 shillings, 10-12 pence. The last previous quotation was January 26, 16 shillings. The quotation a year ago was 7 shillings, 9-14 pence.

SHIPPING SUGAR UNUSUALLY PROMPT TIME

LARGE QUANTITY HAS BEEN MOVED FROM HAWAIIAN PORTS TO MAINLAND DURING PRESENT MONTH—SUGAR FOR SAN FRANCISCO BEING DISPATCHED RAPIDLY—DELAWARE BREAKWATER FLEET GETTING UNDER WAY.

Prospects for the present sugar season are bright in more ways than one. Not only are high prices for sugar prevailing but the indications are that the sugar crop from the Hawaiian Islands will be landed promptly at the various mainland markets. Certainly so far as is possible with shippers, the sugar is being gotten rapidly under way.

During the month of January a large fleet of sugar vessels has left various Hawaiian ports. Some of the craft have arrived. The S. S. Nevada and S. S. Nebraska have both sailed from Honolulu with full cargoes of sugar and both reached San Francisco safely. The bark R. P. Rithet went up this month to San Francisco in twelve days with a full cargo of sugar and the bark Olympic arrived this morning in San Francisco from Honolulu with about 2,300 tons of sugar. During the month the following additional vessels have gotten away for San Francisco with full cargoes of sugar, barks St. Katherine and Gerard C. Tobey, barkentine Archer, Irmgard from Honolulu, schooner Aloha from Kaimanui, ship Falls of Clyde from Hilo and Defender from Honolulu. The schooner Alice Cooke is to sail tomorrow or the following day for San Francisco with a full cargo of sugar and the bark Mohican is also likely to get away for the mainland the end of the week with a full cargo of sugar.

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A LADY BIRD WITH AN EGG RECORD

THE ONLY ONE OF HER SEX OF HER SPECIES IN THE ISLANDS—SHE LAID OVER 600 EGGS IN FORTY DAYS AND IS STILL ON DUTY—WONDERFUL ENTOMOLOGICAL EXPERIMENTS IN PROGRESS AT EXPERIMENT STATION.

There is a lady bird out at the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Experiment Station that can hold her own in any egg-laying contest. She has laid over six hundred eggs since she first landed on Hawaiian soil, and seems good for continuous performance.

She is one of a pair which are the sole representative of their species in these islands. They were sent here with a batch of others by Prof. Koebele and Prof. Perkins from Australia, and were the only ones of their species which survived the journey. After they became acclimated, this lady bird began laying eggs, and in about forty days had made a record of 600 and over. Her eggs seem fertile and all hatch out, but the vicissitudes of being brought up by hand, as it were, in glass jars in the entomological nursery at the station, or perhaps because of it, about a quarter of the young hatch out, survive and arrive at maturity. It is the intention, when a sufficient number of this species of lady bird have been grown, to set them at work, in the cane fields, where their especial food supply is the cane aphid. Meanwhile they are being brought up on bean aphid, simply because it is a more convenient source of supply to the entomologists.

The entomological department of the experiment station is now carrying on an immense amount of work, and along a number of different lines. One line of work is to determine with as much accuracy as the matter will admit of, just what are the most efficient enemies of the various insects prejudicial to cane with which the planters have to contend.

The work rooms and other buildings of the entomological department of the station are filled with jars and cages of all shapes and sizes in which the beneficially predatory insects are being reared under the direction of Prof. Perkins and Mr. Swezy. The processes by which the relative value of different insects is determined is a complicated one involving very close observation.

WANT EXTENSION FOR KOHALA ROAD

GOVERNOR CARTER CALLS A MEETING AT WHICH THE ADVISABILITY OF EXTENDING THE TIME FOR PECK'S COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT THE LINE MAY BE FULLY DISCUSSED—A DIFFICULT PIECE OF WORK.

With a view to sounding public opinion as to the advisability of renewing the franchise of the Kohala Railway Company, Governor Carter has called a public meeting for February 14 next for the express purpose of discussing the matter. This action was decided upon by the Governor this morning after an interview with Peter Peck and his attorney A. Lewis.

The charter as granted required certain work to be done within two and a half years of its being granted, but circumstances in the money market, over which the grantees had no control, arose and although there has been a large sum of money expended in surveys and the purchase of material the franchise is subject to lapse in April.

"As I told Mr. Peck, I think that the construction of the railroad is in the interest of the Territory," said the Governor, "but before granting the extension of the franchise I feel that it would be better to have the matter freely and publicly discussed so that there can be no hint of any star-chamber methods. If it appears after discussion that Peck would be in the better position to go ahead and complete the road then I think it would be proper for the administration to go ahead and grant the extension. If others are better qualified then the extension should not be granted. One thing in favor of granting an extension is that the concern is free from the franchise of the Hilo road which covers the whole island."

The Kohala road, as planned will run from Hilo in a north-westerly direction to Waipio, a distance of about 60 miles. The engineering difficulties in the way of construction are very great, the deep gulches making it necessary for almost half of the construction to be bridge work. The route passes through a particularly rich section of the island and over 150,000 tons of sugar a year would pass over it if built. Peck's company has prepared surveys and has spent between \$25,000 and \$30,000 in rails, ties and other material.

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